

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9, 10, 22-24 and 26-28 being in independent form.

Applicant submitted on May 13, 2004 an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 In Response To January 23, 2004 Final Office Action which proposed amendments to independent claims 1, 9, 10, 22-24 and 26-28. In response to an Advisory Action dated May 27, 2004 which indicated that the May 13, 2004 Amendment was not entered because additional search and/or consideration will be required, Applicant is concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting that the May 13, 2004 Amendment be entered and considered. A Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 27, 2004 was issued by the PTO.

The May 27, 2004 Notice indicated that the claim amendments submitted on May 13, 2004 was not accompanied by proper status identifier.

Accordingly, this communication is resubmitting the listing of claims, including claim the claim amendments submitted on May 13, 2004, plus in addition proper status identifier for the amended claims. No new claim amendments have been made in the listing of claims enclosed herewith.

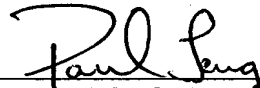
If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is

respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Teng", is written over a horizontal line.

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